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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has become aware of a recent incident with the Pueblo of Laguna environmental program managers that involved representatives from Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO), a consultant for ARCO, and the Modrall Sperling Law Firm. Representatives from your consulting firm and your law firm recently approached the Pueblo of Laguna to request access to the Jackpile-Paguate Uranium Mine Superfund site. The Pueblo managers interpreted comments made by ARCO's representatives to mean that your representatives were working on behalf of EPA.

I understand your desire to visit the site in preparation for future Superfund work at the site. However, there is no formal relationship between ARCO and EPA at this time. It is very important that this fact be clear in all communication regarding the site at this time. EPA also believes it important that ARCO contact the Pueblo environmental staff and clarify the relationship between ARCO and EPA and correct any misunderstanding that may have resulted from the discussion requesting access to the Jackpile site.

Involvement of the Pueblo of Laguna in all future work at the Jackpile site is critical to the success of the cleanup at the site. EPA wants to ensure the relationship developed with the Pueblo leads to this success. To this end, Petra Sanchez, the EPA Remedial Project Manager for the site, needs to be present when ARCO or its representatives visit the Pueblo and the site. Please contact Ms. Sanchez at (214) 665-6686 to coordinate future site visits.

If you have any questions about the misunderstanding with the Pueblo of Laguna, please contact me at (214) 665-2197.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald H. Williams", is positioned above the typed name.

Donald H. Williams
Acting Associate Director
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cc: Jeannine Hale, EPA